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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

A. M. Thompson

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 April 2005.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,6-11 and 13-20 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 20 is/are rejected.
7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,6-11 and 13-19 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 August 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's Amendment to 09/940,749 has been examined. Claims 1-3, 9, 10, 13, and 15-20 are amended. Claims 1-4, 6-11, and 13-20 are pending.

Applicant's amendment is substantially persuasive. The applicable objections and/or rejections precluding allowance are incorporated herein.

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to because the letters in Figures 2 and 3 are difficult to read. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.
3. The following title is suggested: Method and Apparatus For Generating Superset Pinout For Devices With High-Speed Transceiver Channels.

Claim Objections

4. Claims 1, 4, 6, 14, 15-17 and 18-20 are objected to because of the following informalities: Pursuant to **claims 1 and 19**, at line 4, change "comprises" to - -comprise- -. Pursuant to **claim 20**, at line 12, change "comprises" to - -comprise- -. Pursuant to **claim 6**, the current claim phraseology of this dependent claim does not properly limit the independent claim; the following language is suggested for clarity: replace lines 3 and 4 with the following - -using said superset pinout to eliminate potential layout variations within said family of devices.- - Pursuant to **claim 14**, at line 2, before "comprise", insert - -further- -; at line 2, after "logic", insert - -devices- -. Pursuant to **claim 15**, after "transceiver channels", delete the precatory language "capable of". Pursuant to **claim 18**, revise as follows for clarity: at line 2, after "wherein", insert - -the devices having- -; before "different", delete "said"; at line 3, after "channels", delete "further"; before "Infiniband", insert - -devices having- -. Pursuant to **claims 4 and 15-17**, after "family of devices", change "comprises" to - -comprise- -. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the **first** paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

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The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

6. Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Pursuant to claim 20, Applicant's specification does not enable a device configured to generate a superset pinout.

7. The following is a quotation of the **second** paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

8. Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as failing to set forth the subject matter which applicant(s) regard as their invention. Pursuant to claim 20, Applicant's specification at pages 12-13 discloses a computer program product holding instructions to execute the method of Applicant's claimed invention. This is not the same as "A device" as recited in Applicant's claim. Suggested revision to this claim language is as follows: - -A computer program product having (*or Applicant may also use comprising*) instructions to generate a superset pinout for a family of devices, which when executed by a computer performs the steps of

defining a pinlist for each device within said family of devices;

generating a superset listing of pins from said pinlist within said family of devices;

etc. - -

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Additionally, a claim of this nature provide the additional coverage Applicant naturally desires.

Remarks

9. Applicant's amendment overcomes the prior art of record. However, claim objections and rejections remain, see supra, some being introduced by Applicant's amendment.

Conclusion

10. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications should be directed to Examiner A.M. Thompson whose telephone number is (571) 272-1909. The Examiner can usually be reached Monday thru Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m..

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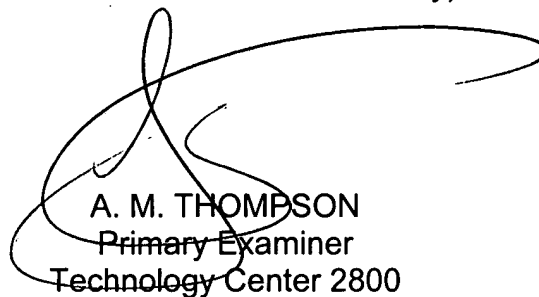
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